and no improvement work has yet been carried out as previously ordered. If the channels were improved soon, not only would the present lands receive good irrigation but more lands would be brought under wet cultivation. If a dam were constructed across the water which flows uselessly into the river near Karagola, 300 additional acres of wet land may be cultivated. The probable cost is Rs. 5,000. It is quite necessary that the Government should undertake this. The conservancy of the channels in this Taluk would be better under Revenue officers as in other Taluks.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. D. P. W. will take action in due course.

Subject No. 465.

Location of a Chattram between Himatgopal Hill and Masnigudi and grain doles to Pilgrims.

Summary of discussion.—The rice doles given at the Government Chattram and by private individuals at Gundlupet are not sufficient for the numerous pilgrims and travellers who visit Gundlupet and Himatgopal Hill. It would be a great help to these people if one of the State Chattrams which are still maintained on roads superseded by the Railway line be removed to some convenient place between the aforesaid Hill and Masnigudi and if provisions be ordered to be given therefrom to pilgrims.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable at present.

Subject No. 466.

Village authorities to issue free licenses for cutting fire wood from District Jungles.

Summary of discussion.—Land-holders are exempted from paying any fee for firewood cut in District Jungles, but they are required to obtain free licenses from the Taluk Cutcherry. This causes much inconvenience. Let the village authorities be empowered to issue such licenses.

Dewan's reply.—The Inspector General of Forests will investigate and do the needful.

Subject No. 467.

Sanitary improvements at Gundlupet.

Summary discussion.—The annual income of the Municipality at Gundlupet is Rs. 1,900 and the accumulated balance on hand is Rs. 9,000. Though there is such a large fund available yet the roads and drains are not attended to. Orders should be issued to devote the money in hand for the repair of roads, construction of V shape drains and for providing lamp-posts. In accordance with the reply of the Dewan at last year's meeting, the Municipal Board have been addressed in the matter but in vain. There is no use in spending a large amount on water projects when the roads and drains are not in good order and the sanitation of the town is bad. The old Karanji may be repaired at a cost of Rs. 200 and the remaining amount spent on repairing roads, &c. The balance, if any, left after meeting the cost of the improvement above suggested, may be spent on water projects under contemplation. The sum of Rs. 4,000 sanctioned for constructing pipes at Gundlupet is large and unnecessary. The old tunnels may be repaired at a cost of Rs. 200 as stated above and the balance spent on improving the sanitary

condition of the town. This was brought to the notice of the Government in the last year's meeting and orders passed that the Deputy Commissioner would inquire into the matter and submit proposals to Government, if necessary. The Deputy Commissioner during his late visit has also noticed the insanitary condition of the town.

Dewan's reply.—This will be looked into. Health is more important and useful than street lamps.

Subject No. 468.

A Canal from the Bavali river.

Summary of discussion.—The Government will be greatly benefited if a channel is conveyed from the Bavali river for irrigation purposes. For want of this, people suffer and Government has to grant remissions of assessment amounting to Rs. 800 every year. There are 1,000 acres of land available for cultivation if this channel were constructed. The necessary anikat and channel will cost about Rs. 20,000 only. A representation to this effect was once before made to His Highness the Maharaja and the Dewan with the suggestion that the anikat may be named "The Viceroy Katte" in memory of Lord Lansdowne's Visit to Kakankote last year.

Dewan's reply.—Public Works Department will investigate.

Subject No. 469.

Railings on bunds of tanks on Mysore-Manantoddy road.

Summary of discussion.—Carts while going at nights on the bunds of some tanks along the road from Mysore to Manantoddy have often tumbled down as these bunds have no railings. Strong stone posts with chains passing between them should be fixed along the bunds. This would save passengers from many accidents. The need is urgent.

Dewan's reply.—Public Works Department will do the needful.

Subject No. 470.

Better supervision of the Rajaparameswari Channel.

Summary of discussion.—The Rajaparameswari channel wants better looking after. It breached last year and the breach was repaired. It breached again this year. On every such occasion irrigation is interrupted and much loss accrues. A syphon is required.

Dewan's reply.—Public Works Department will do the needful.

Subject No. 471.

A bridge across the junction of the Cauvery and the Kapila or one at Bannur.

Summary of discussion.—A bridge should be constructed across the junction of the Cauvery and the Kapila rivers to facilitate traffic between Tirumakudlu-Narsipur on the one side and Sosalé, Seringapatam and Sivanasamudra on the other. At present carts, people and cattle going to Marehalli fair have to cross the river in boats. The cost of constructing a bridge can be recouped in a few years by levying a toll for the use of the bridge, or a bridge may be constructed across the Cauvery river near Bannur where the roads from Bangalore, Mysore, Seringapatam and Sivanasamudra meet.

Dewan's reply.—In due course.